

Morning Worship Service
November 22, 2015 - 9:00 AM
Last Sunday after Pentecost

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.
If you need to leave the Sanctuary, please use the exits in the narthex.*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Give Thanks

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 65:1-4

Leader: Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

People: O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come.

Leader: When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.

All: Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

****Glorifying God in Song**

Now Thank We All Our God

Hymn # 98

**** The Invocation**

**** The Apostles' Creed**

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."

****The Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The First Scripture Lesson

1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion-- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. 4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. 5 Aliens will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. 6 And you will be called priests of the LORD, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast. 7 Instead of their shame my people will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace they will rejoice in their inheritance; and so they will inherit a double portion in their land, and everlasting joy will be theirs. 8 "For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and iniquity. In my faithfulness I will reward them and make an everlasting covenant with them. 9 Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed."

(Continued...)

10 I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

Isaiah 61

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Confession of Our Sins

(If you are able, we invite you to kneel so that our outward posture reflects our inward attitude)

O God our heavenly Father, who in fire and lightning gave the ancient Law to Moses on Mount Sinai, and who made the presence of our glorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, manifestly known by the pouring out of your Holy Spirit; grant that we, your people, may repent of our sins, and be filled afresh and anew with Your good and gracious Spirit, so that we may live out the glorious gospel of grace with all the power you alone can provide. We humbly offer our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

8The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. ...10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:8, 10-12

Musical Offering

The King of Love My Shepherd is

The Second Scripture Lesson

17 But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. 18 They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." 19 These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit. 20 But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. 21 Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. 22 Be merciful to those who doubt; 23 snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear-- hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. 24 To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy-- 25 to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Jude 17-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem

Holy, Holy, Holy, (Sanctus)

Franz Schubert

Holy, Holy, Holy, God Almighty Lord!
Holy, Holy, Holy, everywhere adored!

He without beginning, He the eternal One
Reigns and rules forever all things 'neath the sun.

Power and love and wonder circling round his throne,

Praise Him, Holy, Holy, Lord of life alone.

The Third Scripture Lesson

24 For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect-- if that were possible. 25 See, I have told you ahead of time. 26 "So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, out in the desert,' do not go out; or, 'Here he is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. 27 For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 28 Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather. 29 "Immediately after the distress of those days "'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' 30 "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. 31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

Matthew 24:24-31

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

****Glorifying God in Song**

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn # 642

****Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication**

But just as you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Corinthians 8:7

The Offertory

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry - Praetorius/Kosche

Please fill out the connection card in the bulletin to indicate your attendance.

**** The Doxology**

Hymn # 731

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Children K4 – 2nd Grades may be dismissed to Children's Church.

The Message

Rev. John K. Keen

Senior Pastor

****Glorifying God in Song**

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Hymn # 585

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God - Karg-Elert

***All who are able please stand*

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Welcome to Our Visitors

We welcome you in the name of Christ! You can find more information about us on our website at www.seminolepca.org. For questions or to share a prayer concern, call the office at 774-3881, ext. 700 or email us at: church@seminolepca.org.

Deacons' Mercy Line (813) 774-3881, Ext. 744

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call this church phone extension; a deacon generally checks the line daily.

SPC Family Matters

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Please join us for our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service/Time of Sharing in the Sanctuary this **Wednesday, November 25 beginning at 7:00 PM.**



Hanging of the Green for Advent

Please join us this **Saturday, November 28 from 9 am to 12 pm** to help set up the Christmas tree for the Advent Season. Men especially are welcome and needed at this event! Do make plans now to join in the decorating fun! See Lisa Johnson for more information.



Program Note Reminder

No Sunday School November 29th

Just a reminder that we will not have Sunday School on November 29th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. However, please do join us for our Fellowship Time immediately after the service.



Youth Ice Skating Christmas Party

December 6 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM



An *outdoor* ice rink in Florida? You better believe it! What better way to actually pretend it's winter and cold outside! If you are a Middle School or High School student, come join us as we wrap up the year and celebrate Christmas together by gliding along the ice rink at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park in downtown Tampa. Afterwards, we will recuperate with dinner, cocoa, and desserts at the Williams' home. We'll also sing a few Christmas carols and conclude with our annual Christmas gift exchange game.

Cost: \$12 by Nov. 22; (\$15 after Nov. 22)

Required: Notarized Medical/Release form (pick forms up from church office, Luther Tower, or download from website. Note: Church member Andy Thomson is a notary and can notarize these forms at no charge!)

Bring: A wrapped gift (no more than \$5 in value)

Details:

- Sign up with the church office by Tuesday, December 1
- Meet at the church office by 5:00 PM. We will provide transportation to ice rink and then to the Williams' home for dinner and gift exchange.
- Parents pick up your son/daughter at the Williams' home at 9:00 PM (3901 Willowtree Place, Tampa. 33624)

Order Your Poinsettia

It's time to place your orders for poinsettias to beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas. The cost of each plant is **\$7.00**.

If you would like to place an order please respond on the tan slip or email the following information to church@seminolepca.org:

1. Quantity Desired
2. How the plant(s) is to be dedicated.

Please make your checks payable to SPC (marked Poinsettias), and place them in the offering plate. The

deadline for ordering is **Sunday, December 6**. Plants may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service.



New Adult Sunday School Classes

Beginning December 6th

Walden Class - Knowing The God Who Is

Room 108

Teacher: John Keen

Sacred Scripture has much to say about the character and actions of the Triune God, as well as the believer's response to as much. This class will explore many aspects of our relationship to God, as outlined in the Old and New Testament. We'll first look at the obstacles people experience in knowing God, then we'll examine the origin and maintenance of an authentic relationship to God, and finally we'll study the character of God. In every lesson, we will focus on knowing God personally and responding to him appropriately in every aspect of our lives.

Worldviews in Conflict

Church Office

Teacher: Joe DeNitto

This world is a battlefield in the arena of ideas. The prize is the heart and mind of humankind. In this class, we will outline the Christian way of looking at God, self, and the world. We will hold the Christian worldview up against the tests of reason, logic, and experience, particularly discussing the problems of evil and the alleged "nonsense" of the historic Christian doctrines, and of Jesus' incarnation and resurrection. We will attempt to equip you intellectually to defend the faith on that battlefield.

We will examine the attractions to our generation of naturalism and the New Age movement, pointing out their weaknesses and pitfalls as well as those of older worldviews, including secularism, hedonism, existentialism, and pragmatism.

Colossians

Room 102

Teacher: Steve Strickland

At times, Christians can become discontented with the Christian life. Is this all there is? We desire a deeper experience of God, and the church at Colossae was no different. Join us as we study Paul's letter to this young church and are reminded that we are complete in Christ. As we seek Christ in all His glory, we are able to "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Col. 1:10).

Adult Sunday School Classes

Walden Class - Study of Ephesians

Room 108

Teacher: Matthew McKenzie

The Walden Class, which is continuing its study of the book of Ephesians, offers a combination of Bible study and social interaction, as participants share their lives with one another through prayer requests, praise reports, brief devotionals, and a thirty-minute Bible lesson each Sunday. The class offers a greater degree of flexibility for those desiring to engage in a study of a particular book of the Bible, which may exceed the quarterly limitations of other classes, *e.g. a four or five month study through The Gospel of Matthew or the book of Revelation, etc.* This relaxing pace of the Walden Class allows for a comprehensive study of Sacred Scripture in the context of thoughtful dialog, question and answer, and practical application of God's Word.

The New Testament Canon

Church Office

Teacher: Joe DeNitto

How did the church get the books of the New Testament? Why were certain books and gospels accepted and others rejected? Are we sure we have the right books and haven't left any out? What criteria were used to test the books possessed by early believers that ultimately formed our current New Testament? If these questions interest you, then this class is for you. Come join Joe DeNitto for this 11-week study, and we'll answer these and other questions together.

Selections from Numbers

Room 102

Teacher: Randy Johnson

The book of Numbers tells the story of God's guidance of his covenant people from the land of slavery to the edge of the Promised Land. Though we see many of Israel's failures in their journey, we also see God's faithfulness in spite of these human failings. According to 1 Corinthians 10:6, "these things happened as examples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved." Therefore, these events reveal much about man and much about God.

We see that we can have hope because God gives second chances! Join us as we study selected events from the book of Numbers seeking to apply them to our lives and grow in Christ.

Supported Missionaries and Ministries

Below are missionaries and ministries that SPC supports financially. We encourage you to pray for them and consider supporting them yourself.

***This same information can be found on the Missions tab of our website.**

- Scott & Kathy Craig, MTW/Short-term Team Coordinators (Costa Rica), (#11130); Mission to the World, PO Box 116284, Atlanta, GA 30368-6284
- Costa Rica Mission Project: Birth of a New Presbyterian Church, (Project #92760); Mission to the World, PO Box 116284, Atlanta, GA 30368-6284
- Don & Judy Vander Ploeg, Wycliffe/JAARS (North Carolina), (Member Account #222590), Wycliffe Bible Translators, PO Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200
- Dave & Page Hawes, Navigators – training and development nationwide (Member Account 35857), PO Box 6079, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6679
- Jeff Lee, Reformed University Ministries @ USF
Reformed University Ministries, PO Box 890004, Charlotte, NC 28289-0004
(Please include the name of campus, or individual you would like us to allocate the gift to)
- Joel De Victoria
Seminary Fund c/o Covenant Presbyterian, 210 Poppel Dr., Lakeland, FL 33813
- Steve Light, Sojourner Presbyterian Church (USF Area)
Sojourner Presbyterian Church, 350 South Hyde Park Avenue,
Tampa, Florida 33606

Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3/Toddlers	Bev Thomson	#115
Ages 4-7 / K4/K5 -2 nd Grade	Tami Lang & Stephanie Williams	#105
Ages 8-10 /3 rd – 5 th Grade	Kelly Fernandez & Gail Chang	#107
Middle School / 6 th -8 th Grade	Danny Dalton	#109
High School / 9 th -12 th Grade	Steve Pothoven	The Tower
Adult – Walden Class	Matthew McKenzie	#108
Adult – The NT Canon	Joe DeNitto	Church Office
Adult – Selections from Numbers	Randy Johnson	#102

This Week at SPC ~ November 22 – November 28

SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
MS/HS Youth Meeting, 5:30 pm
Kid Builders, 5:30 pm

TUESDAY: Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 129

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 8,212.00

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. 2 Cor. 8:12

Volunteers

Greeters / Ordained Officer/ Communion Set-up

	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	McKenzie Family	Bryan Toenes
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	Matthew McKenzie	Servy Fernandez
<u>Communion Set-up:</u>	Randa Gravanti	Ken Jackson

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
Today:	Tami Pothoven	Bryson Pothoven	Nikolas Royer
Nov. 29:	Kelly Melendi	Andrew Johnson	Eleanor Fernandez
Dec. 6:	Gail Chang	Patrick Chang	Nikolas Royer

Children's Church for children in K4/K5 meets in Room 109.

Coffee Volunteers

Today:	Andy Thomson
Nov. 29:	Larry Dickey
Dec. 6:	TBA

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers

Today:	Therese McKenzie
Nov. 29:	Cathy Armstrong
Dec. 6:	Tami Lang

Fellowship Snacks

<u>Next Week – Nov. 29:</u> Holly Edwards Laura Strickland Cathy Armstrong Kerri Connolly	<u>Dec. 6:</u> Andrea Cawley Diane Keen Stephanie Williams Pam Bergen
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Anniversaries
and Birthdays